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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, QA, LE
SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF GULF AIR AIRCRAFT JUNE 29 (MESSAGE 7)

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DEPT HANDLE AS IMMEDIATE

1. QATAR POLICE AND MEDIA SOURCES HAVE IDENTIFIED LONE HIJACKER
OF
GULF AIR FLIGHT 122 ON JUNE 29 AS LEBANESE, SAMIR HUSSEIN SHARARA,
AGE 26, FROM SOUTH LEBANON VILLAGE OF BINT JUBAIL. ACCORDING TO
SOURCES SHARARA WAS ARMED WITH SILENCED PISTOL AND TWO GRENADES.

2. SHARARA WAS INTERVIEWED BY QATAR TELEVISION AND LONG SECTION
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OF
INTERVIEW WAS SHOWN ON ARABIC EVENING NEWS BROADCAST JUNE 29. IN
INTERVIEW AND LATER STATEMENTS TO PRESS, HIJACKER SAID THAT HE
HIJACKED PLANE AS ONLY WAY OF ATTRACTING ATTENTION OF ARAB WORLD
TO SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. NO MENTION WAS MADE IN INTERVIEW
OR
IN PRESS COVERAGE OF RANSOM DEMAND BUT POLICE SOURCES MAINTAIN THAT

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DEMAND WAS MADE. SHARARA SAID IN INTERVIEW THAT PASSENGERS WERE RELEASED FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND THAT HE HAD NOTHING AGAINST ANY OF THEM OR AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF QATAR. HE ALSO PRAISED THE "MORAL" TREATMENT HE WAS RECEIVING FROM THE QATARI ARMED FORCES.

3. ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES BOARDE
D
PLANE DURING RELEASE OF PASSENGERS AND CAPTURED HIJACKER. EARLIER, POLICE SOURCES HAD TOLD EMBOFF THAT HIJACKER HAD SURRENDERED.

4. PASSENGERS CONTINUED JOURNEY TO MUSCAT ON ANOTHER GULF AIR AIRCRAFT AT 12:15 PM GMT ON JUNE 29, FOUR AND ONE HALF HOURS AFTER THEIR RELEASE.

5. HIJACKER STILL IN CUSTODY FOR INTERROGATION AS OF NOON GMT, JUNE 30.
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